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1. The amendment filed on 17 October 2003 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- a) entered.
- b) entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c) disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

- d) disapproved. See explanation below.
- e) entered in part. See explanation below.

The application is in final status. Prosecution is limited to current issues pertinent to the case. Prosecution is closed to new subject matter. The amendment contains new subject matter which would require a re-opening prosecution and is therefore not entered.



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